

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 929

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those artists who, through their extraordinary musical talents, bring great renown to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, two such estimable musicians are Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman, writers of the Grammy-Nominated song, "Live Like You Were Dying," which spent ten weeks at the Number 1 spot; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's history is rich with musical traditions, not the least of which is country music, and these two Nashville-based songwriters carry on Tennessee's esteemed musical tradition; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, "Live Like You Were Dying" won the Grammy for Best Country Song and was also nominated for Song of the Year; and

WHEREAS, "Live Like You Were Dying" was also named Song of the Year by the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, the BMI Country Awards, the ASCAP Country Awards, and the Nashville Songwriters Association International, becoming the first song to win every major song award presented for country music; and

WHEREAS, in addition to "Live Like You Were Dying," Tim Nichols has written numerous Number 1 hits, including "I'm Over You," "Brotherly Love," "(This Ain't) No Thinkin' Thing," "I'll Think Of A Reason Later," "I Wanna Do It All," "That'd Be Alright," "Heads Carolina, Tails California," "That's The Kind Of Mood I'm In," "Girls Lie Too," "I Love My Life," and "Nobody Gonna Tell Me What To Do"; and

WHEREAS, today, Tim Nichols owns This Music, a joint-venture publishing company with Warner/Chappell Music; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and musical accomplishments aside, Tim Nichols is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife Patsy, and their marriage has been blessed with two wonderful sons, Tyler and Landon; and

WHEREAS, equally talented, Craig Wiseman quit college to pursue a musical career, moving to Nashville in 1985; his first cut was on Roy Orbison's last album, which sold three million copies, and he got his first writing deal in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Craig Wiseman has also written many other hits, including "In A Real Love," "Rough and Ready," "That's What It's All About," and "This Woman With You"; he is one of Music Row's most prolific writers with three hundred songs released, ninety charted singles, and thirteen Number 1 hits; and

WHEREAS, Craig Wiseman has written songs performed by Trisha Yearwood, Diamond Rio, Confederate Railroad, Randy Travis, Deana Carter, Trace Adkins, Lonestar, Phil Vassar, Montgomery Gentry, Kenny Rogers, Don Henley, Rascal Flatts, Brooks and Dunn, and Kenny Chesney; and

WHEREAS, marrying the love of his life in 1994, Craig Wiseman is most thankful for the companionship and joy he shares with his wife, K. K.; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished entrepreneur and businessman, Craig Wiseman started his own independent publishing company called Big Loud Shirt Industries; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Craig Wiseman was named the 2005 ASCAP Songwriter of the Year for the second time in his estimable career; and

WHEREAS, Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to honor and recognize Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman for their tremendous musical contributions to the great State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman for writing the Number 1 single, "Live Like You Were Dying," and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.